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United States Capitol, Room S-128
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The Honorable Thad Cochran
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Dear Chairman Inouye, Chairwoman Mikulski, Ranking Member Cochran, and Ranking Member Shelby:

As the committee begins consideration of the fiscal year 2011 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies appropriations bill and report, we write to request support for the State of Oregon. Additionally, we fully support the President's budget for projects in Oregon and the Pacific Northwest, as well as the additional requests we are submitting. **Please note that these projects are in no particular order.**

Project: NEXRAD Installation Site Study

Requestor: City of Redmond

Account: DOC-NOAA

Amount Requested: \$500,000

Description: This request would allow the National Atmospheric and Oceanic Administration (NOAA) to select a site to install a NEXRAD (weather radar) system that best serves Central Oregon. Due to the micro-climates in the Central Oregon area, (Redmond, Bend, Sun River, Sisters, and Prineville), weather can only be forecast for the region as a whole and requires the use of volunteer weather spotters to advise the Weather Bureau of thunder and snow storms in the area. With the technological capabilities available in 2010, this is not an acceptable method of weather reporting. These funds will go toward a study to select a location that provides the best coverage for the Central Oregon region and most accurate information to the Weather Bureau.

Project: Disease Reduction in Klamath River Salmon

Requestor: Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR

Account: DOC - NOAA

Amount Requested: \$1,500,000

Description: Salmon losses in the Klamath basin have had devastating effects on tribal communities along the river and the coastal communities of Oregon and California. Severe

infection by the myxozoan parasite *Ceratomyxa shasta* has, in large part, been responsible for the declining numbers of juvenile Klamath River Fall Chinook and Coho salmon and subsequent impacts on later adult returns.

This project will allow researchers to determine what management actions could reduce disease (ceratomyxosis) in natural juvenile salmon of the Klamath River. Research will be conducted through controlled laboratory and field experiments administered by collaborations between OSU, Humboldt State University, the University of California- Davis, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Yurok and Karuk Tribes, and California and Oregon governmental agencies. These studies will be conducted over 2-3 years, leading to large-scale tests or implementation to reduce disease in salmon on the Klamath River.

Project: Regional Public Safety Trunked Radio System
Requestor: Benton County Sherriff's Office
Account: DOJ – Grant Programs
Amount Requested: \$450,000
Description: The Benton County Sheriff's office is requesting funds for one part of a multi-phase plan to replace several aging conventional VHF, Low band and UHF radio voice communications systems with a new shared regional trunked system that will feature both data and voice capabilities and full interoperability for public safety agencies and first responders in Linn and Benton Counties.

The Benton and Linn County regional public safety radio communication system project will compliment and interoperate with the existing Lane County, Oregon regional public safety communication system. This project dramatically increases necessary radio communications to 95% reliability in Benton and Linn counties. It provides law enforcement and emergency services personnel with real time radio interoperability regionally. The Benton and Linn counties' communication system upgrade will also position the counties to participate in, and partner with, the State of Oregon as it deploys the Oregon Wireless Interoperability Network (OWIN), the new statewide interoperable communication system. This effort will serve all citizens regionally in the event of natural disasters or act of terrorism by enabling law enforcement and emergency responders to communicate across frequencies through radio bridge technologies.

Project: Teen Courts Initiative
Requestor: City of Eugene; Lane County, Oregon; City of Springfield
Account: DOJ – Grant Programs
Amount Requested: \$571,100
Description: Youth courts, in which teen peers conduct hearings for qualifying juvenile offenders, represent an established and fast-growing juvenile justice approach. According to the National Youth Court Association, 1,104 such programs currently operate in 49 states and the District of Columbia. Administration of these programs (also known as teen courts or peer courts) is local and community based. Teen courts in Lane County work with the Department of Youth Services (DYS) to identify eligible juvenile offenders. Referred offenses may include theft, criminal mischief, trespass, harassment, disorderly conduct, possession of alcohol, possession of less than one ounce of marijuana, and other non-violent misdemeanors or

violations. Referred youth are typically first-time offenders or those who have not established a pattern of lawbreaking activities.

Funds would be used to add two teen courts and allow the City of Eugene to hire a second Program Supervisor and open another office in order to establish new peer court programs in west and north Eugene. The existing two courts have served a combined average of 108 youth offenders per year over their 10 and 12 year lifetimes, as well as more than 100 youth volunteers per year. In addition, Teen Courts located in Cottage Grove, Florence, and Oakridge would be funded and Lane County would assist with the development of one new Teen Court to be established in both Junction City and Springfield, with on-going administration and operation of those programs the responsibility of each city, after this start-up funding is spent.

Project: Eugene Police Special Operations Facility
Requestor: City of Eugene
Account: DOJ – Grant Programs
Amount Requested: \$425,000
Description: The Lincoln Yard Police Facility has been used by the Eugene Police Department (EPD) as a Special Operations Facility since a remodel was completed in 1998. The main building was constructed in 1945 as a vehicle and equipment maintenance facility and now houses the Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team, the Crisis Negotiations Team, the Explosives Demolition Unit, the Vice and Narcotics Team, and EPD’s exercise facility. A separate city building, also constructed in 1945, has sat empty since the expiration of the boxing club’s lease in 2000. This building (#2) also has attached covered parking which is currently used to house EPD’s mobile command bus. Building #2 has not been maintained for many years and needs extensive remodeling for use by police. The building would house the Vice and Narcotics Team. The demands on the units occupying these building have intensified over the past twelve years. Funds would be used to upgrade the Eugene Police Department’s Special Operations Facility to meet essential service seismic standards and meet energy efficiency standards.

Project: Lane Sheriff Public Safety Technology Improvements
Requestor: Lane County, Eugene, OR
Account: DOJ – Grant Programs
Amount Requested: \$681,400
Description: Requested funds would be used to expand regional training, security and communications facilities. This will provide equipment and services for a Regional Command Training and Simulation Center; provide video surveillance and monitoring equipment in the regional adult corrections facility; and provide equipment and upgrades to add local corrections and parole and probation personnel to the regional interoperable communications system. The Simulation Center will serve as a training facility for use by Lane County and surrounding county agencies, it is also necessary to attain and maintain compliance with the National Incident Management System (NIMS). The request will also fund the installation of additional cameras in and around the Lane County Jail, which will serve to greatly enhance the safety and security of the facility. Finally, this request adds Lane County Corrections and Parole and Probation personnel to a single, wide-area, APCO Project 25 (P25) compliant radio system. This shared system provides Lane County agencies with a state of the art, fully-interoperable

communications system including the Lane County Sheriff, Eugene Police Department, Springfield Police Department and Eugene Water & Electric Board.

Project: Enhanced Zebra and Quagga Mussel Invasive Species Monitoring
Requestor: Lane County, Eugene, OR
Account: DOC-NOAA
Amount Requested: \$450,000
Description: The Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC) was authorized by an Act of Congress granting consent and approval for an interstate compact comprised of Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, and Idaho. The Commission manages a number of data collection and information programs for the Federal Government, the member State fish and game departments, the Bonneville Power Administration, and the U.S.-Canada Pacific Salmon Commission.

Funding provided in this request would be used to increase monitoring and lab processing capacity in Oregon, Idaho, Washington, and California. There have been discussions about this budget request with the four states, and they estimate that these funds will allow them to double their current monitoring and lab analysis capabilities. PSMFC will use funds provided here to coordinate monitoring and laboratory analysis, ensure that laboratories are using state-of-the-art techniques and verifiable standards, and that data is shared amongst resource agencies in the West and archived in regional and national ANS databases. Eight new field technicians would be deployed for early detection, two per state.

Project: Cellular Repeater Stations for Emergency Communications
Requestor: City of Mollala
Account: DOJ - Grant Programs
Amount Requested: \$100,000
Description: Funds would be expended to install one or more cellular repeater stations to provide wireless communications for law enforcement and emergency responders, as well as the public, in a popular recreation area currently without telephonic or radio communications in the Molalla River Recreation Corridor, which is owned and managed by the Bureau of Land Management.

Project: West Coast Governors' Agreement on Ocean Health
Requestor: West Coast Governors' Agreement on Ocean Health
Account: DOC-NOAA
Amount Requested: \$5,000,000
Description: The West Coast Governors' Agreement on Ocean Health (WCGA), launched in 2006 by the Governors of Oregon, Washington and California, is a proactive, regional collaboration to protect and manage ocean and coastal resources. WCGA advances regional ocean governance recommendations of the US Commission on Ocean Policy and the Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force. WCGA work groups, overseen by an Executive Committee comprising representatives from Oregon, Washington and California, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association, Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of the Interior assist the three states in meeting the goals of the WCGA. Key steps completed to this point include:

- 2008 Action Plan which identified 26 actions to advance the goals of: (1) Ensuring clean coastal waters and beaches; (2) Protecting and restoring ocean and coastal habitats; (3) Promoting effective implementation of ecosystem-based management; (4) Reducing adverse impacts of offshore energy development; (5) Increasing ocean awareness and literacy; (6) Expanding ocean and coastal scientific information, research and monitoring, and; (7) Fostering sustainable economic development. The Action Plan was developed with extensive public participation and in close coordination with federal partners.
- 2010 (soon to be released) Work Plans, efficient implementation strategies for the priorities identified in the Action Plan, designed by ten Action Coordination Teams (ACTs) composed of representatives from the three states, federal and tribal governments, academia, industry, non-governmental organizations and other interested citizens.

Project: Oregon Seafloor Mapping for Tsunami Hazards and Ecosystem Benefit
Requestor: Oregon Department of State Lands
Account: DOC - NOAA
Amount Requested: \$1,900,800
Description: Knowledge of the Oregon nearshore is important for fisheries, for coastal erosion, for ecosystem science, and particularly for modeling tsunami waves in this highly tsunami vulnerable region. Probabilities for subduction earthquakes (Magnitude 8-9) in Oregon have dramatically increased with release of new scientific studies in 2009. A detailed bathymetric map would enable more effective tsunami inundation modeling for all vulnerable coastal communities, where only about half are covered today. State of the art tsunami modeling will be conducted in the same timeframe as this project, providing a good match to improve the level of safety for coastal communities. The data would also directly support wave energy facility siting, telecommunications cable laying, marine habitat identification, marine reserves delineation, marine navigation, and shoreline erosion modeling to name a few. Funds would be used to conduct applied seafloor mapping of the Oregon Territorial Sea.

Project: Police Department In-Car Video
Requestor: City of Hillsboro Police Department
Account: DOJ – Grant Programs
Amount Requested: \$685,000
Description: The Hillsboro Police Department will work with the Hillsboro Information Services Department to implement a comprehensive in-car video system for 60 cars in the police department’s fleet. The system will include both hardware and software components, making the cameras easy to use for officers on the front lines, and a routine system of transmission to computerized data for supporting staff within the department.

The Department of Justice has praised the use of such systems in protecting law enforcement officers and citizens. In a January 2001 report called “Principles For Promoting Police Integrity,” the DOJ stated, “This technology can serve as a deterrent to assaults on officers, as a coaching and training device for officers, and as evidence in trials for serious traffic violations. It also can serve as a valuable tool for assuring police integrity.”

As the economy and population in the Portland-metro area continue to expand, it is imperative to equip our law enforcement officers with the tools necessary to keep the community a safe place to conduct business and to raise a family.

Project: Interoperability Communications Project

Requestor: City of Sherwood

Account: DOJ – Grant Programs

Amount Requested: \$500,000

Description: This project would build upon the current interoperable communications network being built with fiscal year 2009 funds. The main goal of this project is to build a wireless public safety network in which multiple jurisdictions can use to share information. This information would include GIS maps, real time video, photos, and database access. Furthermore, all public safety employees would use this network in daily operations. This second phase of the project would expand the reach of the wireless network to include areas surrounding Sherwood. Also this phase would include the building of a public safety portal in which data from disparate systems could be combined and easily displayed for incident responders. Lastly this project would complete the connectivity to the Washington County Data Center by providing a redundant communications connection.

Project: Reentry Mentors

Requestor: Washington County

Account: DOJ – Grant Programs

Amount Requested: \$300,000

Description: To facilitate real change, Washington County believes this post prison population needs strong support the day they are released and it must include mentoring as well as assistance in finding employment and locating housing. Data from Washington County's current mentor program indicate this approach can yield very good results: During 2008, 87% of the participants had no new arrests or parole violations while in this program; 87% of the participants secured full-time employment within four months of admission to the program; and 93% of participants secured stable, long-term housing within six months of admission or are able to fully support themselves financially in transitional housing.

There is also an urgent need for this project because the cost of re-incarcerating one individual back into Oregon's state prison is \$30,828 annually. The annual cost of mentoring one individual in the Reentry Mentor Program currently administered by Washington County is \$882.

The requested funding would support the hiring of four Reentry Mentors to work with approximately 280 individuals a year. The Mentors would meet with an inmate prior to release from prison or jail and assist their parole/probation officer in the development of a community reentry plan. The requested funding would also be directed toward client services and expenses. Depending on the needs of each individual client this would provide assistance with reentry housing and supplies to reestablish employment. This may include Tri-Met bus passes, replacement identification cards, birth certificates, work boots, tools, food handler permits, work clothes, etc.

Project: A Child is Missing
Requestor: A Child is Missing Inc.
Account: DOJ – Grant Programs
Amount Requested: \$160,000
Description: A Child Is Missing (ACIM) is a not-for-profit organization that assists (for free) law enforcement agencies across the county, including all law enforcement agencies in Oregon, in the first few hours a child or an elderly adult is reported missing. ACIM fills the void of the minutes immediately after a child is reported missing to law enforcement agencies and when an Amber Alert, which is activated only in cases of abduction, can be issued. ACIM assists in all missing cases whether they involve abduction, children who are lost, wander or run away, the elderly (Alzheimer's), and mentally and physically challenged individuals. ACIM works in concert with the Amber/Silver Alert and all child safety programs. ACIM has worked on 81 missing children/elderly cases for Oregon's law enforcement agencies and been credited by Oregon law enforcement agencies with 3 successful recoveries. Nationwide, ACIM has been credited by law enforcement agencies with more than 658 successful recoveries. ACIM will be working closely with Oregon law enforcement agencies and the U.S. Department of Justice to review the program's overall effectiveness.

Project: Clackamas County Interagency Poly-Drug Enforcement and Treatment Initiative
Requestor: Clackamas County, OR
Account: DOJ – Grant Programs
Amount Requested: \$816,000
Description: The Task Force is facing increasingly sophisticated drug-trafficking organizations with operations that stretch far beyond county and state borders. It has been nominated by the Drug Enforcement Administration for a national award, stemming from an investigation that had connections in all three West Coast states and resulted in the eventual seizure of more than 50 pounds of heroin. To continue to be effective against these large networks, the Task Force requires additional personnel and new tools that are not commonly used in local law enforcement investigations.

Community Corrections is a nationally recognized leader for its successful Corrections Substance Abuse Program. It has been in operation for the last 13 years serving male offenders. Within the last six months, Community Corrections has begun to operate a parallel program for female offenders. The need for these new services has been overwhelming — creating a strong demand for additional staff and facilities.

The Juvenile Department has gathered new risk assessment data over the past year, revealing enhancements that would make its programs even more effective. These include employing more “trackers” to supervise high-risk youth and providing wrap-around accountability measures for young abusers. The department also seeks to expand its treatment program, provide parenting skills and therapy for the families of at-risk juveniles, and prevention efforts.

Project: Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) System
Requestor: Department of Oregon State Police
Account: DOJ – Grant Programs

Amount Requested: \$500,000

Description: To date, approximately 100 patrol cars have been equipped with MDT systems, with 350 more needed to fully equip all of OSP's patrol vehicles. The Department of Oregon State Police (OSP) is requesting funding for 50 of the 350 needed MDT systems. The proposed MDT system will provide direct connection between the equipped vehicles and their command centers, improving real-time communication and enhancing confidentiality of sensitive information. OSP is the only major law enforcement agency in the state that does not have a functional MDT system.

Project: Lincoln County Meth Initiative

Requestor: Lincoln County, Newport, OR

Account: DOJ – Grant Programs

Amount Requested: \$200,000

Description: The Lincoln County Meth Initiative (LCMI), begun in 2000, focuses on providing science-based prevention, enforcement, and treatment for the purpose of reducing the use and abuse of methamphetamine. The purpose of the project is to help remedy the harmful effects of the meth epidemic, and enhance efforts to prevent meth use, abuse and addiction. It is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the impacts of meth negatively effect many people in the community, including increased crime and the neglect and abuse of children. One job will directly be created by this project. Furthermore, getting folks off meth enhances the pool of job applicants who can pass a pre-employment drug test and hold down a job. This proposed project would provide: (1) Equipment, training, and supplies for the Lincoln Interagency Narcotics Team (LINT); (2) Counseling, medical exams, and other services pursuant to the Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Program; (3) Youth driven film projects in local schools (Methamphetamine Awareness Project, or MAP); and (4) Supplies and travel in support of the Oregon Alliance for Drug Endangered Children (OADEC) and the Oregon Narcotics Enforcement Association (ONEA).

Project: Regional Public Safety Radio System

Requestor: Salem Police Department

Account: DOJ – Grant Programs

Amount Requested: \$681,400

Description: The project is to create a single radio system in the Salem metropolitan area that allows interoperability between and among first responders, local government, mass transit, hospitals, schools, and private emergency service providers. The project will be led by the Willamette Valley Communication Center, which is the central dispatching center for more than eighteen (18) police, fire, and medical agencies in the region.

The project will replace multiple existing radio systems with a seven site Project 25 Digital Radio System. This new radio system will be expandable as the regional model grows to allow additional connections from other radio systems in neighboring counties, cities etc. This new system will provide coverage for first responders to communicate in areas where they currently lack adequate coverage. Police and Fire departments will be able to communicate on the same radio system without the need to have dispatch patch calls through a series of complicated hardware add-ons, and we will be able to manage the network with a uniform vision on communications.

Project: Dropout Intervention Program – Salem-Keizer Online Bridge Replication
Requestor: SK Online – Salem Keizer Public School District
Account: DOJ – Grant Programs
Amount Requested: \$450,000
Description: Replicates Bridge, a successful online alternative education program integrating computer technology within the Salem-Keizer School District. Bridge enables youth to recover missed credits and get back on-track for timely graduation. The program successfully serves students at risk of dropping out of high school. In its fifth year, 140 students earned high school diplomas last year through Bridge. The program now serves 350 students in the Salem-Keizer School District. Pilot Bridge replications are successful in the Madras School District and Camp Florence, a youth corrections educational facility. This project doubles the number of Bridge sites to 18 sites. The long term, multi-year goal of the project is to launch up to 40 sites throughout Oregon.

Startup funds for first year programming and curriculum implementation would be distributed by grants made available to public school districts. Funds target replication of Salem-Keizer Online’s successful Bridge dropout retrieval program, to be operated by local schools. In the model, Bridge sites reenroll drop-outs, providing a sustainable revenue stream using state funding recaptured by reacquired student enrollment. Bridge replication expands services to incarcerated students and other youth prone to adjudication. Initial service capacity is 500 students at nine additional sites. After the initial year, Bridge would be self-funded due to recaptured enrollment. Long-term viability is due to maintained enrollment of at-risk youth.

Project: Equipment for Enforcement of Toxic Emission Laws
Requestor: Oregon Department of Justice
Account: DOJ – Grant Programs
Amount Requested: \$65,000
Description: Funding will purchase an infrared “Gas Finder” camera, produced by Oregon-based FLIR Systems, Inc. The camera allows a user, for the first time, to visually observe high toxicity gases in real-time. This technology allows a user to visually identify the source of toxic gas emissions and even estimate the concentrations of the gases at issue from a significant distance. This equipment would provide an unparalleled opportunity to identify and remedy toxic gas emissions at an extremely low cost. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is currently using these cameras to identify and reduce community exposure to toxic gas emissions, and as a law enforcement tool. Unfortunately, the demand for these cameras is very high and attempts to borrow one have been unsuccessful. When used in combination with real-time gas monitoring equipment, Department investigators will be able to identify and numerically quantify toxic gas emissions providing a powerful tool we can use to increase compliance with air quality laws and protect at-risk communities.

The Gas Finder camera not only allows a user to see toxic gases such as toluene and benzene, it also allows high resolution imaging of greenhouse gas emissions of CO2 and methane. As a result, the Gas Finder camera would provide an important opportunity for helping determine and ensure compliance with new state and federal greenhouse gas emission reporting requirements.

Project: Student Opportunities Achieve Results (SOAR)

Requestor: Marion County
Account: DOJ – Grant Programs
Amount Requested: \$810,000
Description: Student Opportunities Achieve Results (SOAR) is a program formed in partnership with Marion County and Chemeketa Community College. The primary focus of the SOAR program is to create healthy communities and support local economies. This is achieved through rehabilitating people who are reentering the community from incarceration. The program encompasses elements of intensive supervision, motivation, cognitive behavioral classes, substance abuse treatment, family reunification, pro-social skill building, financial planning, “success based” case planning, case management, education, and employment assistance.

SOAR serves 25 people per class and 100 people per year. The evidence-based program is designed to run for 12 weeks (4 classes per year), consisting of a minimum of 260 hours of treatment per participant. Each class begins with six weeks of intensive programming, followed by six weeks of structured aftercare. Aftercare services are designed to assist SOAR participants in community transition and help meet needs. Substance abuse components are provided by the Marion County Health Department, a state licensed and approved substance abuse treatment agency. The length and intensity of the program is sufficient to produce stable behavior changes, replacing old patterns of thinking and behaving. Participants learn and practice new skills for avoiding drug use and criminal behavior, while successfully obtaining and maintaining employment.

Project: Oregon and West Coast Weak Stock Salmon Solutions
Requestor: Oregon Salmon Commission
Account: DOC-NOAA
Amount Requested: \$700,000
Description: Researchers at the Coastal Oregon Marine Experiment Station at the Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport, working in collaboration with the Oregon Salmon Commission and coordinating with the California Salmon Council, and West coast salmon industry, NOAA NMFS laboratories in California and Washington, and Washington Fish and Wildlife, will combine at-sea and laboratory research in developing refined spatial and temporal approaches for significantly reducing by-catch of weak salmon stocks and avoiding long term closures of the salmon fishery. The fishing industry is a major partner and up to 200 fishermen will be employed to provide fishery information, oceanographic data, and biological samples. The research findings could allow salmon fishing managers to reduce large-area closures by directing fishing activity onto healthy stocks and away from weak stocks.

Project: South Coast Interagency Narcotics Team (SCINT)
Requestor: South Coast Interagency Narcotics Team (CooS County Sheriff's Office), Coquille, OR
Account: DOJ – Grant Programs
Amount Requested: \$675,440
Description: The South Coast Interagency Narcotics Team (SCINT) combats illegal narcotic activities. This request will add three much-needed detectives to continue efforts to increase the number of arrests, seizures of drugs, search warrants and prosecution of drug offenders. Oregon has been plagued by a huge rise in drug trafficking organizations (DTOs) involved in both methamphetamine and cocaine and the region covered by SCINT is no

exception. SCINT has been in operation since 1988 and was one of the first narcotic task forces created in Oregon. Currently SCINT has only two detectives to cover nearly 3500 square miles of a highly economically distressed area in Oregon. Oregon was plagued in 2007 with outdoor marijuana cultivation, specifically by Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTO's). During 2007, the SCINT team was involved in the eradication of in excess of 14,000 marijuana plants. It has worked a variety of Federal investigations in the last 24 months that have dismantled DTOs involved in crystal methamphetamine in addition to marijuana cases.

The drug cartels are in a massive war over territories with escalated violence and brutality. These cartels and DTO's will seek areas that have less narcotics enforcement presence. The violence is spilling into the U.S. and thus amplifies the significance of an operating drug team to taxpayers.

Project: Crime Victims' Rights Enforcement Project

Requestor: National Crime Victim Law Institute

Account: DOJ – Grant Programs

Amount Requested: \$600,000

Description: Through pro bono legal services, a coordinated pro bono attorney network, and substantial technical assistance and training, this Project will ensure victims of crime in Oregon can effectively assert and seek enforcement of their rights in criminal courts, and that the criminal justice professionals in the system are fully informed about how to respond to such rights assertion. With the recent improvements in Oregon's victims' rights law, work on behalf of victims in Oregon has just begun; to protect the rights of citizens who become victims of crime requires dedication and significant work in the years ahead. At its core, this Project will ensure that crime victims are afforded the dignity, respect and fairness they are owed both by law and by our common understanding of human dignity.

The funds requested will be used for programming, the majority of which will be personnel costs. Specifically approximately 6-8 positions in Oregon will be funded, positions that will help victims of crime become survivors of crime. National Crime Victim Law Institute launched an early iteration of this Project in 2003, funded by the federal Office for Victims of Crime. That project, called the Demonstration Project, led to identification of promising practices on how best to provide pro bono legal assistance to victims and to provide training and technical assistance in this emerging field.

Project: Police In-Car Security Cameras

Requestor: City of Portland / Portland Police Bureau

Account: DOJ- Grant Programs

Amount Requested: \$250,000

Description: The City of Portland is requesting funding for the purchase of nine in-car security cameras to assist with investigating traffic violations, traffic stops and aggressive driving. This advanced technology will significantly improve the capacity for evidence collection and improve accountability of Portland Police officers. In-car camera systems increase the ability to record serious events as they unfold. The cameras provide an unequivocal record of the actions of both citizens and police officers at the scene.

The funds will purchase nine in-car camera systems including the hardware, software, installation and technical support and ongoing programming maintenance for the systems. The

timeline provides for vendor identification, purchasing and delivery, processing and installation of the systems.

Project: Child Pornography Investigation and Prosecution Team
Requestor: Oregon Department of Justice, Criminal Justice Division
Account: DOJ – Grant Programs
Amount Requested: \$1,301,072
Description: The Oregon Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, at the Oregon Department of Justice, is the only state law enforcement program with the training and expertise to investigate and prosecute the manufacture, distribution, and possession of child pornography. But ICAC’s mandate goes beyond child pornography and with just six full-time staff and only one prosecutor, ICAC lacks the resources to launch new, “proactive” child pornography investigations. According to the Special Agent-in-Charge at the Oregon Department of Justice, the Department is “overwhelmed” with tips of child pornography in Oregon.

To address this growing problem, and to investigate and prosecute the possession, distribution, and manufacture of child pornography, the Oregon Department of Justice seeks \$1,301,072 in federal funding. Those funds will allow the Department to hire an experienced full-time prosecutor, two criminal investigators, and support staff. The Department’s existing ICAC team will be able to quickly train and provide support to new staff.

Project: Regional Justice Network Project
Requestor: Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC) of Multnomah County
Account: DOJ- Grant Programs
Amount Requested: \$681,400
Description: The Regional Justice Network (RJNET) project has selected a middleware solution to integrate data systems rather than a wholesale replacement of common software and hardware. This approach saves millions of dollars and allows individual agencies to keep their existing data systems.

The middleware solution would include construction of a Portal that allows participating agencies to access the data flow in real time, utilize that data to automate business processes and search or query data from any of the data systems such as criminal histories, mug shots, case disposition, jail inmate data, corrections and supervision data and state court event data to name just a few.

The second part of the solution is the Messaging system which enables the data systems themselves to exchange data. Data from the disparate systems is indexed using protocols and standards established in the National Information Exchange Model (NIEM) a joint effort by the U.S. Department of Justice and Homeland Security. The NIEM exchange development methodology results in a common semantic understanding among participating organizations and data formatted in a semantically consistent manner. NIEM will standardize content (actual data exchange standards), provide tools, and manage processes.

The project will establish the necessary infrastructure to allow additional agencies and jurisdictions wishing to participate to connect to RJNET for a very reasonable cost. The

successful system will also become a model from which additional integrated systems can be established throughout the state.

Project: Financial and Elder Abuse Protection Project
Requestor: Multnomah County
Account: DOJ- Grant Programs
Amount Requested: \$556,000
Description: The Multnomah County Elder Abuse Project approach would include new funding for development or expansion of the Financial Abuse Specialist Team (FAST) and the Gatekeeper Programs. FAST brings together professionals from a number of disciplines to focus or specifically target cases involving financial fraud and abuse of elder citizens. The proposal would add a FAST Coordinator position to help direct and focus the efforts of the team. It would also purchase needed neuropsychologist, forensic account and a forensic nurse services and incorporate additional prosecution and investigations capacity. The Gatekeeper model is a national best practice program that identifies at-risk older adults and people with disabilities living in our community and links them to critical social and health services. Gatekeepers are not mandatory reporters. Rather, they are nontraditional referral sources such as meter readers, bank tellers and letter carriers who come into contact with older adults through their everyday work activities. Gatekeepers are trained to identify signs and symptoms that may indicate vulnerable adults needing assistance. Both the FAST program and Gatekeeper programs are based in best practices and take a multidisciplinary approach to identifying, preventing and prosecuting abuse perpetrated on elder citizens. Funds would be spent on a Deputy District Attorney, Financial Investigations Specialist, FAST Coordinator, Volunteers Coordinator, recruitment and training of volunteer gatekeepers and trainers, and materials and services.

Project: Project Clean Slate
Requestor: Independent Development Enterprise Alliance, Portland, OR
Account: DOJ – Grant Programs
Amount Requested: \$450,000
Description: Project Clean Slate (PCS) sustainably improves lives by reducing legal and practical impediments that keep individuals from full and productive lives by removing barriers to employment, housing and education by converting delinquent traffic fines in Multnomah County to community service. Qualified participants get their minor criminal infractions expunged, re-establish payment plans on delinquent child support, and get their drivers licenses reinstated, allowing individuals the ability to become employable, tax-paying members of the community. Most of the barriers breached through PCS have a disparate and significant impact on minority, low-income, and underserved communities.

The funds will be used to expand and maintain the program. PCS needs to expand the program into other areas to further impact the community. PCS has found that some individuals have multiple infractions in multiple counties. The ability to serve in all counties will allow those multiple infracted individuals the ability to expunge all their fines. Funds will be also be used for staff, equipment, classroom space, and general operations. This will allow PCS to serve 1,400 individuals waiting in Multnomah County as well as an additional 3,000 individuals yearly.

Project: America SCORES Pilot Program for Portland
Requestor: Multnomah County

Account: DOJ- Grant Programs

Amount Requested: \$145,000

Description: Working closely with community partners including SUN Community Schools, Portland Public Schools, and the Oregon Sports Authority Foundation, America SCORES will open new programs in four Portland schools in 2010. Following the successful first-season launch of after-school soccer, poetry, and service-learning programs in Portland, SCORES will establish a sustainable program model that can expand in the local Portland community for years to come – benefitting more low-income Portland students every year.

Project: Initiative for Oregon's At-Risk Youth

Requestor: Oregon Mentors

Account: DOJ- Grant Programs

Amount Requested: \$600,000

Description: A non-profit entity founded in 2001, Oregon Mentors is the state's mentoring partnership established to support the next generation of Americans through powerful mentoring relationships. Its mission is to create positive life opportunities for all young Oregonians by connecting them to caring mentors. Oregon Mentors defines youth as ages six to 25. In its nine year history, it has touched the lives of more than 120,000 children and demonstrated a strong track record of success. Oregon Mentors' 32 board members are leaders in business, government, education, and philanthropy. Its three core services include: volunteer recruitment and referral; professional development for mentoring program staff members; and resource identification and dissemination. Resources include free and timely background checks; access to MentorPRO, a data management system developed for mentoring programs; events for youth and children; research on mentoring; scholarships to trainings; access to volunteer recruiting fairs and more.

Project: Rx for Saving Oregon Teens

Requestor: Oregon Partnership

Account: DOJ – Grant Programs

Amount Requested: \$845,900

Description: Oregon Partnership is a 15-year-old statewide non-profit dedicated to ending drug and alcohol abuse. Requested funds would be used to attack a problem of escalating concern among Oregon's law enforcement, prevention and treatment professional communities—the misuse of prescription drugs. Funds would be spent to attack this problem through a variety of methods:

- A strategic statewide media campaign using television, billboards and transit advertising to educate the public about the dangers of non-medical use of prescription drugs. The campaign would enlist high school and college students to help develop media messages and public service announcements based on focus-group research.
- Parent Education through “lunch and learns” conveniently held where parents are, such as the workplace and places of worship. Workshops would be offered in English and Spanish to parents and other caregivers that address prevention strategies and the important role parents play in restricting home access and safe drug disposal.
- Youth education through Oregon Partnership's highly regarded *Parents Teaching Prevention* program, in which parent volunteers deliver prevention education lessons to schoolchildren about the harms of substance abuse and making healthy life choices.

These highly trained and dedicated volunteers use comprehensive curriculum that meets Oregon education standards.

- The availability of Oregon Partnership's 24-hour, confidential Crisis Lines to compassionately connect people to counseling, treatment referral and information about Rx drugs.

Project: Child Abuse Assessment and Prevention Initiative

Requestor: The Children's Center

Account: DOJ- Grant Programs

Amount Requested: \$167,350

Description: The Children's Center is a private non-profit entity—the sole child abuse medical assessment program in Clackamas County, providing intervention and prevention services vital to the health and safety of children. The Children's Center supports children and families in cases of suspected physical, sexual and emotional abuse. The medical experts, mental health professionals and social work staff at the Children's Center join partner agencies, including child welfare and law enforcement, to ensure children's injuries are documented, their stories of abuse are heard, and action is taken to stop the abuse and heal the wounds. The Children's Center provides medical assessments for approximately 300 children per year. In order to meet demand, it is doubling its capacity in 2011.

Requested funds will be used to hire new program positions in the vital field of services to victims of child abuse. All positions will be hired for FY 2011, following completion of the new Children's Center facility—the result of a \$3.2 million community investment. The following new positions will be filled in order to expand service capacity in the new building: Medical Examiner (0.8 FTE); Forensic Interviewer (1.0 FTE); Family Support Specialist (0.5 FTE); Intake Specialist (0.5 FTE), Volunteer Coordinator (0.5 FTE). Personnel costs for these five positions (including tax/benefits) total \$223,140 per year.

Project: Evidence Storage Phase II

Requestor: City of Medford

Account: DOJ- Grant Programs

Amount Requested: \$200,000

Description: This is a capital project allowing for the expansion of evidence storage. Currently the drug storage area is 135 square feet. The firearms and narcotics evidence storage area is now at capacity and the City is nearing capacity for other types of evidence being stored. The increased efforts to enforce state and federal drug laws have resulted in increases in the number of seizures of illegal narcotics and firearms. Contraband evidence storage must remain secure and separate from other evidence. The firearms and narcotics evidence storage area is now at capacity and we are nearing capacity for other types of evidence being stored.

Project: The Multidisciplinary Institute for Neuropsychiatric Diagnosis (MIND)

Requestor: OHSU

Account: DOJ- Grant Programs

Amount Requested: \$845,900

Description: Although individuals with methamphetamine dependence have a high prevalence of mental illness, the direct and indirect effects of methamphetamine addiction make it difficult to recognize co-occurring psychiatric disorders. Delayed or inaccurate psychiatric

diagnosis is a source of prolonged suffering and a major impediment in the treatment of methamphetamine dependence. As of now, no medical tests exist for diagnosing psychiatric disorders; they are diagnosed using behavioral criteria that are not based on the biology behind the disorder (its etiology) and are of uncertain validity and utility. This crucial problem sets psychiatry apart from other medical disciplines and leads to uncertain diagnoses, ineffective treatments, and variable and sometimes tragic outcomes.

MIND will develop biologically (medically) based criteria for diagnosing and classifying the psychiatric disorders that may underlie or result from methamphetamine abuse. The enhanced understanding gained through this effort will be used to design targeted treatments that will be evaluated with rigorous clinical trials. Results should have a major impact on the incarcerated population.

Specifically, the project funds will be used for operation of a new institute, which will lead to the subsequent generation of funding from other competitive sources. Funds will be used to attract innovative junior and senior investigators working at the cutting edge of translational research to develop objective psychiatric diagnostic criteria. In addition, funds will defray the cost of laboratory and clinical operations and administrative costs. Advances in this work have the potential for huge social benefit and cost savings in treatment of the mentally ill, the substance-dependent, and the incarcerated.

Project: Pacific Ocean Shelf Tracking (POST) Project – Marine Animal Tracking System
Requestor: Vancouver Aquarium Marine Science Centre
Account: DOC-NOAA
Amount Requested: \$2,000,000
Description: POST maintains acoustic receivers on the sea floor in lines across the continental shelf along the West Coast. These receivers detect sound signals emitted from tags fitted to animals by scientists. POST collects the detection data from the receivers and delivers it back to the tag owners. Since becoming operational in 2006, the POST array has been used to track 18 species and the database contains over 7 million records from over 12,000 tags. The database, along with its mapping, visualization, and analysis tools, can be searched and shared by anyone. POST is proposing to continue operations of its existing system of receivers and data management services. Also, in combination with Canadian funding, POST is planning expansion of the array with three new lines in U.S. waters. Dozens of scientists from Federal, state and tribal resource agencies, universities, and other organizations in the U.S. and Canada are currently using the system to identify how animals move, where they may be dying, and combining this with other techniques as well as physical and chemical data, to build new tools for understanding marine ecosystems.

Project: Child Investment Initiative
Requestor: Friends of the Children Portland
Account: DOJ - Grant Programs
Amount Requested: \$300,000
Description: The Friends of the Children model is based on research which shows that children who have succeeded in spite of adverse environmental conditions have done so because of the close, sustained support of a caring adult. Working with no more than eight young

children, a "Friend" spends an average of 16 hours per month with each child providing academic support, setting short-term goals, teaching life skills, modeling healthy behavior and problem solving, nurturing interests and talents, and exposing them to new places and experiences. Friends of the Children continues to provide this support for 12 ½ years, through high school graduation. This request would employ paid, professional mentors and help Friends of the Children reach significantly more vulnerable children.

We would also like to express our support for national and multi-state programs of regional significance. These programs include the Adam Walsh Act, the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program, the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act, the Second Chance Act, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA), the Victims of Crime Act, NOAA West Coast Programs, NOAA Coastal Habitat Restoration, NMFS Catch Shares Program, and NOAA Ocean and Coastal Programs.

Additionally, we are very supportive of NOAA's decision to move its Marine Operations Center-Pacific to Newport, Oregon. NOAA followed a sound decision-making process and did not let politics influence its decision. Newport ranked first in the competition both in meeting NOAA's needs in a location and for offering the best cost to taxpayers. Because there have been efforts in the past to use the appropriations process to interfere with NOAA's decision-making on this issue, we urge the appropriators to allow NOAA to complete its work on the issue without interference.

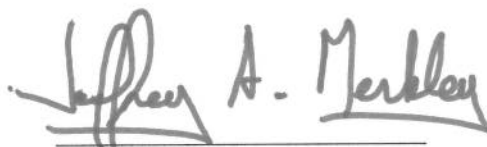
We certify that neither ourselves' nor our immediate families have a pecuniary interest, consistent with the requirements of Paragraph 9 of rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, in any congressionally directed spending item that we requested in this letter. We further certify that we have posted a description of the items requested on our official websites, along with the accompanying justification.

Thank you for your consideration of these worthy projects. We appreciate your strong and continued leadership and look forward to working with you this year on funding vital to our nation. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Isaiah Akin in Senator Wyden's office at 224-5244, or Ms. Courtney Thompson in Senator Merkley's office at 224-3753.

Sincerely,



Ron Wyden
United States Senator



Jeff Merkley
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